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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Paragraph beginning on page 10, on page 11, line 11, please insert the following:**

Referring to the drawings in detail, and, in particular, to Figures 1 and 2 showing a sliding door structure for a vehicle according to an embodiment of the present invention, the vehicle body has what is called a cab side, namely a side body panel 1, and a roof pane 2. The side body panel 1 extends substantially vertically and forms each of opposite side walls of the vehicle body. The roof panel 2 substantially horizontally extends so as to close up the top of the vehicle body. The side panels 1 and the roof panel 2 are integrated with one another. The vehicle body has a door opening 3 formed as an access opening to rear sheets in the side body panel 1 at each of the opposite sides thereof and a door opening 4 formed as an access opening to a front seat in the side body panel 1 at each of the opposite sides thereof. The door opening 3 extends from the side body panel 1 to the roof panel 2, in other words, has a side opening portion formed in the side body panel 1 and a roof opening portion formed in the roof panel 2. The vehicle body at opposite sides is equipped with sliding doors 5 (only one of which, namely a right side sliding door is shown). The sliding door 5 is slidably mounted for movement between a closed position in the door opening 3 and a fully open position wherein the sliding door 5 extends along the outer surface of a rear portion of the side panel 2 to expose the access opening, i.e. the door opening 3, entirely. The sliding door 5 has a generally reverse L-shaped configuration having a side portion 13 in conformity in configuration with the side opening portion of the door opening 3 and a roof portion 14 in conformity in configuration with the roof opening portion of the door opening 3. The vehicle body is so shaped that the sliding door 5 in the door opening 3 leans inward in a transverse direction on body design requirements and, however, the sliding door 5 in the fully open position is put substantially upright for door opening and closing operation. The vehicle body is further equipped with a front door 6 pivotally mounted for movement between a closed position in the door opening 4 and an open position wherein the front door 6 exposes the access opening.

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**Please insert the following paragraph at page 12, paragraph 1:**

Returning to Figures 1 and 2, when the sliding door 5 is in the closed position as shown by a solid line in Figure 1, the side portion 13 and the roof portion ~~[[13]]~~ 14 are substantially flush with a substantially flat or curved surfaces of the side body panel 1 and the roof panel 2, respectively. As clearly shown in Figure 2, the vehicle body is so shaped that the sliding door 3 in the door opening 3 leans inward in a transverse direction in view of body design requirements.

**Paragraph beginning on page 15, on page 16, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:**

The parallel link mechanism 18 itself operates such that, when the sliding door 5 travels in a lengthwise direction, the parallel link mechanism 18 causes a change in geometrical arrangement between an expanded position shown in Figure 6 and a folded position shown in Figure 7, so that the bracket 22, and hence the sliding door 5 to which the bracket 22 is secured, ~~[[swigs]]~~ swings in a transverse direction about the pivot pin 32.

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